Naxaate activities in various States

224. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing naxalite activities in Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and in the Andhra Pradesh border;

(b) if so, the steps to check such activities;

(c) whether the affected State Governments have sought the help of the Central Government; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Cent-ral Government to curb such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINIS. TRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Policy of the Government is to deal firmly with the extrimist elements in the country and simultaneously step up socio-economic development in the affected areas, to redress the genuine grievances of the local people. The State Governments concerned have an important role to play in solving the problem. The Central Government is also rendering all possible assistance to the affected States in the form of additional para-military forces, provision of training facilities to the State police personnel, improved communication facilities etc.

Drug smuggling along Indo-Pak border

225. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether the drug smuggling is now on the increase in the Indo-Pak border;

(b) if so, the steps taken to check drugs smuggling;

(c) the various measures adopted thereon; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY); (a) No Sir. Drug and other Narcotics seized by BSF on Indo-Pak border during the years 1988, 1989 and 1990 are, as under:—

	Value in Rs.
1988	40,31,38,450
1989	39,71,62,027
1990	19,07,54,210

(b) to (d) The Border Security Force who are guarding the Indo-Pakistan border has been strengthened, more border outposts have been established, additional observation post-towers have been constructed for watching movement of intruders and BSF have been equipped with sophisticated equipment's and vehicles for intensive patrolling

Financial grants by Khadi and Village industries Commission

226, SHRl **R.** T. GOPALAN; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether any financial grant is sanctioned by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission to State Khadi and Village Industries Boards; and

(b) if So, the details of grant sanctioned to Khadi and Village Industries Board, Tamil Nadu during 1990?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Khadi and Village Industries Commission during 1990-91 sanctioned grant of Rs. 29.53 Lakhs for undertaking Khadi and Village programme to Tamil Nadu State Khadi and Village Industries Board. In addition, the Commission also allows grant in the shape of rebate on retail sales of Khadi to all State Khadi and Village Industries Boards.